

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: IS, UK, FR, GW, EEC (OVIP-BEGIN MENAHEM)  
SUBJECT: BEGIN TRAVELS: VISIT TO BRITAIN

1. DURING CALL TO DISCUSS OTHER SUBJECTS, WE ASKED TWO  
MFA OFFICIALS (RAVIV OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND PADON  
OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS) FOR THEIR VIEWS ON THE REASONS FOR  
PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S VISIT TO BRITAIN ON HIS RETURN  
TO ISRAEL FROM WASHINGTON AND HIS DISCUSSION THERE WITH  
FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD K'ESTAING'S EMISSARY. REGARDING  
THE UK, THEY SAID BEGIN SCHEUDLED HIS VISIT THERE IN  
ORDER TO CAPITALIZE ON THE STRONG PERSONAL TIES ESTABLISHED  
WITH CALLAGHAN DURING HIS RECENT OFFICIAL VISIT. BEGIN WISHES  
TO USE THE UK AS ISRAEL'S CHANNEL TO THE EC, RATHER  
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THAN THE INSTITUTION OF THE COMMUNITIES' PRESIDENCY,  
IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP.  
ISRAEL ALSO HOPES TO BENEFIT FROM BRITAIN'S STRENGTH -- WHICH  
IS STILL GREATER THAN THAT OF BELGIUM, THE CURRENT EC  
PRESIDENT -- TO OFFSET ANTICIPATED INCLINATIONS BY THE  
FRENCH AND GERMANS TOWARD THE ARABS.

2. REGARDING FRANCE, THEY SAID THAT BEGIN HAD DECIDED  
ON THE MEETING WITH PONCET AS A MIDDLE PATH BETWEEN IN-  
SULTING THE FRENCH BY CONTINUING TO REFUSE TO HAVE DINNER  
WITH GISCARD AND AN OFFICIAL MEETING WITH THE FRENCH PRESIDENT  
IN PARIS. ISRAEL BELIEVES GISCARD'S  
MOTIVES IN SEEKING A MEETING WITH BEGIN ARE RELATED SOLELY  
TO THE FRENCH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND ISRAEL IS NOT INCLINED  
TO HELP HIM THERE -- "WHAT DO WE OWE HIM?"  
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